

## VCTU Executive Committee Meeting Notes -- March 18, 2024

Attendees: Jim Wilson, Burr Tupper, Scott Allen, Eric Tichay, Amy Orr, Mike Makufka, Stan Ikonen, Jeff Deering, Paul Kearney, Graham Zimmerman

Meeting Start: 7:33 p.m.

Meeting End: 8:34 p.m.

### Agenda:

1. Review Action Items from February 24<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes
  - Review and approval to be done at May Council meeting
  
2. Officers and Travel Reimbursement
  - **[Motion] Open up the travel reimbursement to all members serving a leadership position on the Council // Approved**
  
3. May 11 meeting plans
  - Plan to meet in Roanoke, location identified, but need to find out if ZOOM is an option or if we need another location (i.e. Orvis warehouse)
  - Change the start time to 10:00 a.m. and finish at 1:00 p.m.
  - Council to pay for lunch
  - No speaker, just business
  - Jim would like to know if there is any interest in pre-meeting fishing or activity
  
4. Membership Committee—Chapter Leadership Issues
  - TJ Chapter:
    - Bill Lucia Acting President
      - How can the council best support the chapter and their supported events
      - Re-organization meeting planned
      - **[ACTION] Graham to reach out to Bill Lucia to check in on status and re-organization**
  
  - Skyline Chapter Area
    - De-charter actions nearing completion- waiting on National to move zip codes to active chapters
  
  - Lexington new start
    - Member, Jake Burden, may be interested in getting something started in the local area.
      - There are a few other individuals in the area that have some interest in TU
      - VMI did have a 5-rivers club, which may still be active
  
  - Lynchburg new start – Two fly shops in area, but no specific contacts

- VA Capital status – no contact in about a month, Jim to follow up
  
- Others
  - Need to get a report on the status of all the chapters
  - Chapters of concern are Mountain Empire and Little Stoney
  - **[ACTION] Scott to pull chapter leadership names from TU website and provide to Graham**
  
- 5. Newsletter Schedule and Themes
  - Articles:
    - NLC report (Eric Tichay)
    - Youth education (Burr Tupper)
    - Aquatic passages (Tom Benzing)
    - Priority waters update? – Burr needs content from both sub-committees for an article
  
- 6. DWR Follow-up
  - Board meeting representative – Jim would like to find someone from the Richmond chapter to attend these meetings
  - Complimentary workforce was bought up by Tom Benzing at the February meeting—no new information
  - Comments on Regulations – Encouraged to provide both positive and negative comments
  
- 7. TC Energy Grants—do we have proposals to submit?
  - Laura Schwank is the POC
  - Mike to submit a grant request to test the process
  
- 8. Youth Ed. Grant Program
  - Grant has been posted on the website and is open for submissions
  - Stan to head up grant approval committee
  
- 9. Alaska Sweepstakes Action
  - The sweepstakes will run through the 2025 VA Fly Fish and Wine Festival
  - Jim to get details running the sweepstakes
  
- 10. Open Discussion
  - Buffalo creek project – Asa is not sure when the project will start this year, it depends on permitting approval schedules
  - Eric reported low attendance at the SE Regional Rendezvous; speakers were good; location was okay, but not close to trout fishing
  
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